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OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE prompt march of Sir George Colley from Pietermaritzburg to relieve the beleaguered British garrisons of Pretoria and Potchefstroom in the Transvaal was a military undertaking viewed with such sympathy at home that he would be ungenerous who would make haste to blame the Governor of Natal for being precipitate and for under-estimating the strength of the Boers. It may be that the possession of the position at Lang's Neck was a point of so much strategic importance that it was excusable for Sir George Colley to run some risk to secure it. That is a question to be decided in the future. Our first duty now is to note with satisfaction that, driven back though the Redcoats eventually were by the hosts of dead shots opposed to them, the native bravery of the English fighting man was gloriously shown in that stout combat up the hill. The advance cost the 58th many precious lives, Colonel Deane, Majors Poole and Hingeston, Lieutenants Elwes, Dolphin, and Baillie, and a number of privates (whose names ought to have been telegraphed as well) being among the killed in that unfortunate charge. Again were the Colours fought fiercely for. The Boers are said to have almost gained the Colours of the 58th when our gallant troops charged at the point of the bayonet, drove the gallant enemy off, and were thus enabled to save their standard. Sir George Colley, withdrawing his men to his camp, did not forget, in transmitting news of the repulse to Mr. Childers, to recognise the humanity of the Boers, thus discrediting on the highest authority the report that the enemy had slain the English wounded.

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Our Colley's dash at Lang's Neck was thus checked. There need be no fear that his next attack will fail. The 92nd Highlanders and the 83rd Regiment—twelve hundred and forty-five well-trained soldiers in all—were warmly cheered when they landed at Durban on Sunday, and when they started for "the front" a day or so afterwards. Mr. Childers reassured us on Monday further by stating in the House of Commons that 4500 troops, all told, will have been landed shortly in Natal; and by adding that Sir George Colley had by telegraph declined as unnecessary the battery of horse artillery and two additional regiments of cavalry proffered him by the Secretary for War on receipt of the news of the repulse.

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I am glad to hear that the Directors of the Eastern and South African Telegraph Company are public-spirited enough to grant the relatives of officers and men serving in the Boer War the privilege of sending gratuitously a message of inquiry when there is any doubt as to their fate. Mr. Childers rendered nothing but justice to this Company when he paid a graceful tribute to the excellence of its telegraphic service to the Cape.

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General Sir Evelyn Wood cannot be many days now before he is at Sir George Colley's side, ready to aid him with his ripe military experience and knowledge of the country.

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The Duke of Cambridge cannot justly be blamed for these frequent reverses. In season and out of season, he has emphatically told the public that our Army is not strong enough. When this eternal Irish Question is settled, perhaps Parliament will deign to give the Empire an adequate military system.

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There was more than a ha'porth of bread to the intolerable deal of sack spilt by the Irish members of the House of Commons last and this week. Four good speeches were made. Mr. Forster's exposition of the Protection of Person and Property Bill was incontestably a powerful philippic, although Mr. Labouchere's slashing analysis of the returns of Irish outrages did materially lessen the total of horrors heaped on horrors' head by the Secretary for Ireland. Next, Mr. Bright displayed some of his old rhetorical force in convincing The O'Donoghue that there was no resemblance between the Irish Land League and the Anti-Corn-Law League, inasmuch as the latter was conducted on legitimate and Constitutional principles. Mr. Gladstone's magnificent indictment of the Land League the next evening was another superb specimen of Parliamentary eloquence and argument. John Tenniel's strong cartoon in this week's *Punch* of Mr. Gladstone "Strangling the Monster" serves as an admirable Illustration to the Premier's speech, which, while promising remedial legislation, sternly threatened the lawless few who last year sowed "anarchy, terrorism, and sedition" broadcast in Ireland.

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Pity Mr. Forster prompted Mr. Gladstone to quote from an alleged speech of Mr. Parnell! Mr. Parnell was shouted down when he disclaimed having used the words attributed to him. Yet Mr. Forster had afterwards to apologise for having credited, or, rather, discredited Mr. Parnell with a speech made by somebody else! Be a little more careful in hunting up your authorities, Mr. Forster!

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The longest sitting on record of the House of Commons—one of 41½ hours' duration—was closed a little after nine o'clock on Wednesday morning in a manner which vindicated the dignity of Parliament. The Speaker was roused to put an end to the prolix, tedious, and utterly fruitless debate kept up since Monday evening by the garrulous followers of Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell. He suppressed Mr. Biggar, put the amendment of Dr. Lyon to the vote. This was rejected by 164 to 19 votes. Rising to their feet, and shouting "Privilege!" the theatrical tail of the Home-Rule Party was ferociously wagged—and at last withdrawn from the indignant House. Mr. Forster's Coercion Bill was then read the first time; and Mr. Gladstone then gave notice of his motion for providing the House with a form of *clôture* when "urgent business" should be under consideration. Yet another storm in a teacup was raised in the afternoon, however, by Mr. Parnell, Mr. Cowen, and the hysterical A. M. Sullivan!

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Moral: Prick a windbag, and it will burst!

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I cannot agree with the sneering comments made upon the opening meeting of the Kyrle Society. On the contrary, I hold it rather ungenerous to confound the practical aims of the Kyrle Society with the æsthetic nonsense of which Mr. F. C. Burnand makes legitimate fun in his new comedy of "The Colonel." Recreation-grounds for the poor! He must be a jaundiced cynic, indeed, who can jeer at an honest endeavour to increase the breathing-spaces of town. Our parks are among the greatest blessings the People possess in London; and every attempt to multiply their number surely merits hearty encouragement rather than dispraise. H.R.H. Prince Leopold was in his right place in presiding over this meeting of social reformers, among whom, I warrant, Mr. George Augustus Sala was one of the most earnest. I yet hope to see Mr. Sala in Parliament, where his oratorical powers could not fail to secure for him that honour to which his sincere Liberalism no less than his unsurpassed rhetorical talents entitle him. Mr. Sala's industry, by-the-way, as one of our most popular writers will shortly receive a fresh exemplification in *Pan*. He will commence a new serial novel shortly in this readable journal, which is now being considerably brightened by Mr. David J. Anderson's smart Parliamentary sketches. Apropos of journalism, it was with sincere pleasure I note the *Contemporary Review* places Mr. George R. Sims in the very front rank of our poets, in favourably criticising his latest volume of verse, the popular "Ballads of Babylon."

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On very good authority, I hear there was no foundation at all for the report that Mrs. Langtry intended to go on the stage.

PHILIP.

News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

HER MAJESTY drove last Saturday morning with Princess Beatrice to Osborne Cottage, and walked with the Empress Eugénie. The Queen and Royal family, as well as the household, were prevented from going to church on the last two Sundays by the state of the roads. On Sunday morning last her Majesty, Princess Beatrice, Prince Leopold, and the members of the Royal household attended Divine service at Osborne. The Rev. G. Connor, M.A., Vicar of Newport, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, officiated.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud arrived at Marlborough House last Monday afternoon from Sandringham. Lady Emily Kingscote, Miss Knollys, Mdlle. Vauthier, Col. Teesdale, Mr. Knollys, and Mr Holzmann were in attendance on their Royal Highnesses.

The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh arrived at Clarence House, St. James's, from Eastwell Park, the same afternoon, for some weeks.

Princess Augusta Victoria of Holstein-Augustenburg, whose marriage with Prince William of Prussia takes place on the 27th inst., at Berlin, left Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, on Tuesday afternoon for Germany.

The grand military assault-at-arms last Tuesday afternoon, for the benefit of the Afghan War Relief Fund, at the Albert Hall, was attended by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince Leopold, the Duke of Cambridge, and many members of the aristocracy. General Roberts was also there. Non-commissioned officers and men of both Army and Navy took part in the performance. The bands of the 2nd Life Guards, the Royal Horse Artillery, and the Grenadier and the Coldstream Guards played during the performance.

On the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, the silver medallion of the Royal Humane Society has been voted to Lieutenant Francis M'Aitken, of the 93rd Highlanders, Lieutenant Alfred H. Middleton, of the same regiment, and Lieutenant and Adjutant Charles R. Orde, of the Rifle Brigade, for acts of gallantry. On the recommendation of the Duke of Edinburgh, the society's medal has also been awarded to Peter Flynn.

The Earl of Northbrook has lately been prevented by illness from attending to his official duties.

The fighting with the Boers at Lang's Neck was of the most desperate character. Two officers who had charge of the colours of the 58th were killed, and the colours captured; but the men of the 58th recaptured them at the point of the bayonet. The *Times* correspondent says that if the 58th had been supported by an additional 1000 men the Boer position would have been captured.

Reports have arrived from Kaffirland that Umhlonhlo and Gecelo, with seventeen councillors, have surrendered to Commander Frost. The Kaffirs admit that they are beaten.

The House of Lords continues to play at law-making. Earl Spencer gave the peers a Floods Bill on Monday. Lord Waveney has also discussed Candahar afresh, but without changing the resolve of the Government.

The Country learnt with relief from Mr. Childers on Monday that ample Reinforcements will very soon reach Natal and support Sir G. Colley. But the Country has not heard with patience that in the House of Commons Ministers are not a bit further advanced than they were at the beginning of the Session. Mr. Forster's Bill for the Protection of Person and Property in Ireland not only gave rise to a twenty-two hours' sitting on the Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, but at the commencement of the current week occasioned what must have been by long chalks the very longest sitting the House has ever endured. The Government objected to the debate being adjourned on Monday night. Another all-night sitting consequently ensued; and four p.m. Tuesday saw the Irish Home Rulers steadfastly pursuing their obstructive tactics. And this in spite of the emphatic assurances of Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Bright, and Mr. Forster that a great land reform bill is ready to be introduced. Well may rational Irishmen feel contempt at the self-sufficiency of the Parnell clique in Parliament. On resuming his seat in the House of Commons on Wednesday morning, at nine o'clock, the Speaker closed the debate on the motion for leave to bring in the Coercion Bill, on the ground that the minority had resorted to modes of obstruction which amounted to a Parliamentary offence. Leave to bring in the bill was carried by 164 to 19 votes. Mr. Gladstone then gave notice that on Thursday he should propose new rules for the better conduct of the House on future occasions. These rules will enable the House to declare by a majority of three to one that a subject is "urgent," and empower the Speaker to regulate the several stages of a bill until he shall declare that the state of urgency no longer continues.

The Earl of Rosebery presided at the fourth annual meeting of the East and North of Scotland Liberal Association in Edinburgh on Saturday.

General Roberts attended the annual presentation of prizes to the London Scottish Regiment of Volunteers on Saturday, and made a brief speech, congratulating them on their efficiency, and expressing pleasure at once more seeing the kilt and hearing the bagpipes.

Mr. John Edward Redmond was on Monday returned unopposed for the representation of the borough of New Ross.

The Canterbury Bribery Commissioners have issued their report. They "schedule" a number of persons who have been guilty of bribery; but, whilst concluding from the evidence that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at recent elections, they state their opinion that the constituency is not now, "as a whole," corrupt.

Mr. Goschen returns to Constantinople with a difficult mission to resume.

The *République Française* has an article on the Greek question, which is by no means calculated to encourage the Government of Athens in their present line of policy. The check suffered by the arbitration proposal should warn France, says M. Gambetta's organ, "against any precipitate initiative." It recommends the Powers to work energetically for a settlement at Constantinople.

The Emperor of Russia has accorded General Scobeleff the Cross of St. George of the Second Class. The victor of Geok Tepe is also advanced to the rank of full General. A telegram has been received in Vienna stating that General Scobeleff is organising aying columns to pursue the defeated Turcomans, find to advance on Merv.

General Scobeleff reports that in the final struggle at Denzil Tepe he had upwards of 400 officers and men killed and wounded.

The Canadian House of Commons has passed the second reading of the resolution ratifying the Government contract for the construction of the Pacific Railway by 108 against 46 votes. Subsequently a bill introduced by the Premier (Sir John Macdonald), based upon the resolutions for giving the contract the force of law, was read the first time.

The Paris *Temps* announces the conditions of peace which Chili will impose on Peru and Bolivia. They are very severe. The Peruvian fleet is to be surrendered, the important port of Antofagasta and its dependent territory to be ceded, and a war indemnity of thirty millions sterling to be paid by the allies.

A deputation, representing the Lambeth Inundation Committee, waited, yesterday week, upon the Home Secretary at the House of Commons to ask him to compel the Board of Works to put in force powers given by the Act of 1879 to prevent inundations in their district. Mr. Dodson, M.P., was present. The deputation having explained that under the Act private owners on the river side could be compelled to raise their walls five feet above high-water mark, Sir W. Harcourt read a letter from the board stating that they were endeavouring to carry out the work in sections. He promised to press the matter upon them. Another flooding of South London will accelerate the Home Secretary's movements, we trust.

Ireland As She Is.

"IRISH NATIONL DIRECTORY"

THROUGHOUT the South and West of Ireland a proclamation, signed "By Order of the Irish National Directory," has been posted, in which it states that the country is passing through a crisis full of danger to the national cause, and that the action of the Government is obviously intended to provoke premature resistance; but although the people, it is asserted, have grievous cause for revolt, and although the salvation of the country lies in national independence alone, the time to strike has not yet come. The people are therefore counselled to prepare, to watch, and to wait until the hour for action comes. We yet hope the Irish People will be wise enough to disregard all inflammatory appeals to their passions, and to trust the Gladstone Government to bring about the land reforms Ireland needs.

MISS PARNELL

launched a Ladies' Land League in Dublin on Monday. The following were appointed officers:—Mrs. Deane (president), Mrs. Moloney and Miss O'Leary (treasurers), Miss Parnell, Miss Stretch, Miss Lynch, and Miss Byrne (hon. secretaries).

THE "THREE P's" BILL.

The Government Bill for the Protection of Person and Property ("three P's," it will be seen) was issued "by inadvertence" of the Public Bill Office last Saturday morning. It provides that persons suspected of having been guilty of high treason, treason-felony, or treasonable practices, wherever committed, and either before or after the passing of the Act, may be apprehended on a Lord Lieutenant's warrant and detained without bail, if necessary, till the end of September, 1882. A section of the bill binds the Government to lay before the House of Commons a return of the persons arrested under its provisions, which shall include the disclosure of their place of detention and the grounds on which they were apprehended.

THE LAND LEAGUE TRAVERSERS

are at liberty now the Dublin Jury's disagreement has set them free. But subordinate Land Leaguers are still in suspense. The Dublin Court of Queen's Bench has granted a conditional order for a writ of habeas corpus for the Tralee Land Leaguers who were committed on a charge of holding an illegal "court."

AN ANTI-COERCION MEETING

was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne last Saturday, and was addressed by Mr. Dillon, M.P., and Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P. Letters of apology were read from Mr. Cowen (who said he would resist coercion by every justifiable means), Mr. Ashton Dilke, and others. Mr. O'Connor's was the more eloquent speech of the two.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FENIAN PLOTS IN ENGLAND.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD.

WE regret to say that the unscrupulous Fenian adventurers who abound in the kingdom have again been the cause of serious alarm in Cottonopolis. Information has reached the authorities at Manchester and Salford which has led to all the public buildings being guarded day and night, inside and outside. The police learned that an attempt was to be made last Saturday night to blow up the Salford Gas Works; and a story was current on Sunday of a plot to poison the reservoir whence the supply of water is derived. The alarm was spread to the infantry barracks, where the explosion occurred on Jan. 14, and a stronger guard than ever was placed on duty, in order to prevent anyone suspiciously approaching the walls.

THE RIGHT HON. G. SHAW-LEFEVRE, First Commissioner of Works, had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal family at Osborne last Saturday.

M. DE LESSEPS presided on Monday at the first general meeting of the Panama Canal Company, held in Paris. But will Mr. Gladstone permit M. De Lesseps quietly to deprive England of the Gulf Stream?

MRS. SAMUEL CARTER HALL, the well-known authoress, died last Sunday at East Moulsey. Mrs. Hall's earliest work, "Sketches of Irish Character," appeared in 1828.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY of the aurora borealis is reported to have been witnessed last Monday evening at Holmsund.

AT BRIGHTON on Monday a man named John Macdonald dropped lifeless in the street whilst following his child to the grave.

THE BRITISH MUSEUM was closed on Tuesday to visitors as well as to readers, and will not be opened until the 8th inst. WHY?

A SENTENCE OF DEATH.—At the Stafford Assizes on Monday James Williams, a tailor, was sentenced to death for the murder, by drowning, of a young woman named Bagnall.

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.—On Saturday last the chairman and directors of the South-Eastern Railway, and other gentlemen, inspected the important works now being carried on by Messrs. Beaumont and Co., at Abbotscliff, near Folkestone, in connection with the proposed Channel Tunnel. MM. Léon Say and Raoul Duval were expected, but were prevented from coming by unfavourable weather. So far, the boring is a complete success. The powerful boring-machine, invented jointly by Colonel Beaumont and Captain English, C.E., cuts into chalk at the rate of half an inch per minute.

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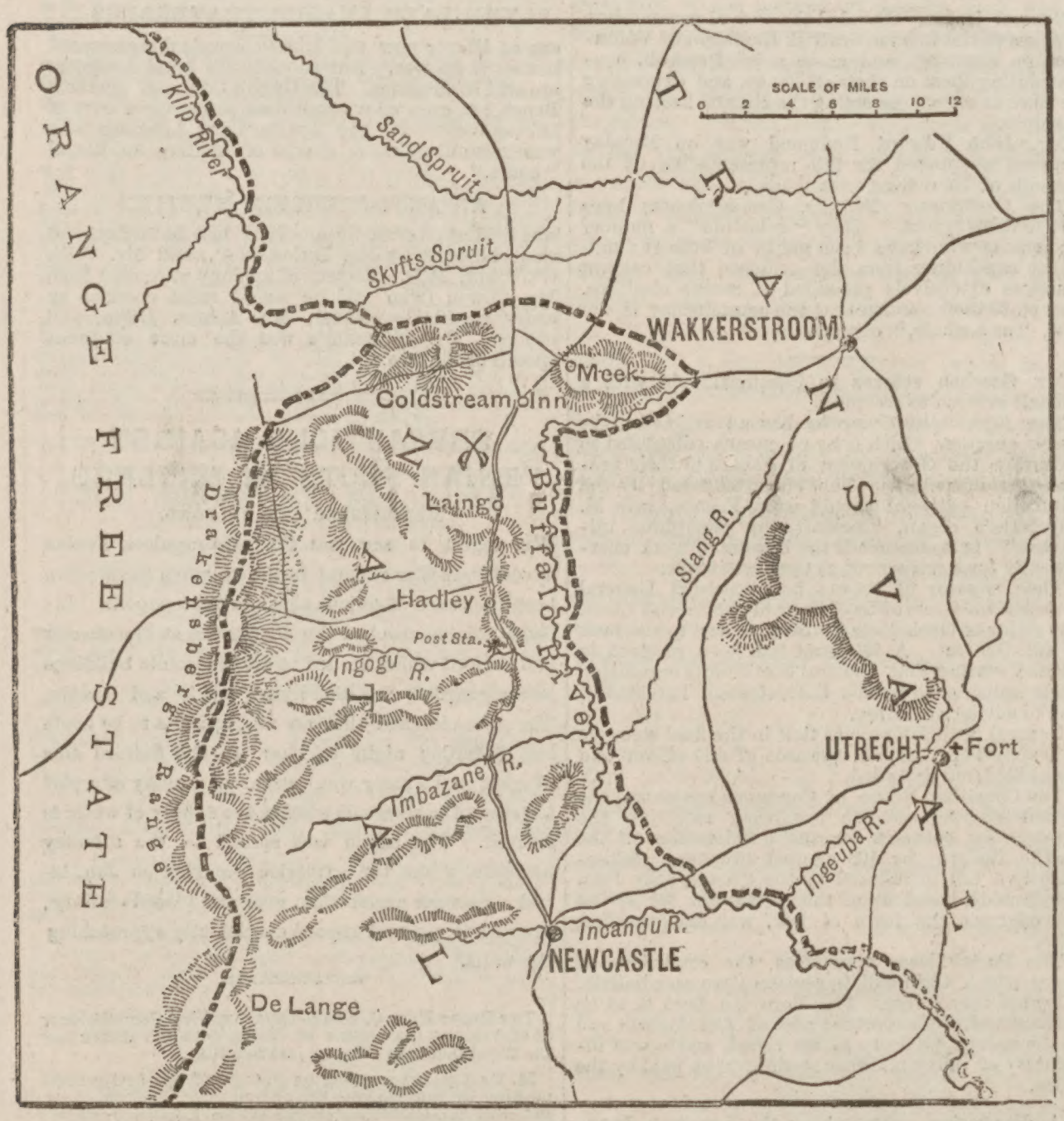

The Crossed Swords indicate the Scene of the Battle.

SITE OF GEN. COLLEY'S REPULSE AT LANG'S NECK.

Our Illustrations.

PICTORIAL CHRONICLE OF THE BOER WAR.

REPULSE OF GENERAL COLLEY AT LANG'S NECK.

UNDERVALUING the strength of the Boers, General Sir George Colley suffered a repulse on Friday, Jan. 28, before a strong position, the site of which will be made plain to our readers by the accompanying map, the second we have given in this PICTORIAL CHRONICLE OF THE BOER WAR, which narrative was begun in the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER of Jan. 1.

The *Times* received by Eastern and South African telegraphic cables the following authentic account of this unfortunate engagement, copied from the Durban *Mercury*:—

"Major Dartnell and the Mounted Police returned to Newcastle from the camp on Saturday morning. There is no doubt as to Friday's fight being a repulse of the British forces. The Boers were strongly intrenched at and beyond Lang's Neck, where they had occupied a house and cattle kraal, from which they were shelled early in the day. Lang's Neck is the most difficult point on the road from Newcastle to the Transvaal.

"At nine o'clock the guns and the rocket battery advanced within range. The guns were then ranged on the right and the rockets on the left of the road to the Neck. The Neck was shelled for one hour, when there was little sign of the enemy.

"The 58th Regiment then advanced to storm, led by Colonel Deane. They were met by a destructive fire, but held their own gallantly. Meanwhile, the Boers emerged from dongas to the right and left, and poured a heavy flanking fire into the 58th Regiment, who now suffered severely, especially among their officers. Their ammunition ran short, and their supports failed to reach them. They, therefore, retired with their guns towards the camp, keeping up a bold front the while, and now the encounter at times became hand-to-hand.

"The Boers advanced on the left and the right of the camp to within a short distance. The General then sent out a flag of truce, asking for time to bury the dead. The proposal was accepted, and both parties proceeded to the task. One British surgeon attended a Boer who was wounded, and is said to have been detained. Our shells apparently passed over the Boer earthworks. The Gatling guns were kept in the camp to guard it. The rockets, when they were fired at any considerable body, proved to be very effective. The Boer losses are estimated at 500 killed and wounded."

OFFICERS KILLED.

Colonel Deane, Lieutenant Elwes, his Aide-de-Camp; Major Poole, of the Artillery; Lieutenants Baillie and Dolphin, of the 58th Regiment; and Lieutenant Inman, of the 60th Rifles. Major Hingeston died of wounds.

Lieutenant Lovegrove was severely wounded. Altogether 169 foot and 30 mounted infantry were killed and 80 wounded. The officers were picked off early. Second-Lieutenant Monck had a narrow escape. Sub-Lieutenant Jopp now commands the 58th Regiment.

THE GENERAL ADDRESSED THE TROOPS after the engagement, declaring his intention to

BRITISH REDCOATS "HOLD THE FORT."

COMMANDANT D'ARCY, V.C.,
KILLED IN THE BOER WAR.

BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS LANDING AT DURBAN.

hold the camp till reinforced. The camp is now strongly intrenched, with a fort at each corner. The Boer position is so strong that 500 men should be able to hold it against 5000. Three hundred Boer horses are said to have been killed, also the Boer commandant, Greyling.

The following is the substance of a telegram received at the War Office from the General Officer commanding in Natal and the Transvaal, dated Jan. 30, 1.55 p.m.:—

Except the loss of many good officers and men and the possible delay in the relief of the Transvaal garrisons, the effects of the check are not serious. The men are in excellent spirits, and eager to advance.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR SIR G. COLLEY.

Our Illustration of the landing of troops at Durban will help the reader to realise the scene which occurred at this seaport when the Crocodile opportunely disembarked the welcome reinforcement from India. The 92nd landed at Durban on Sunday, amid great enthusiasm. An address was presented to the 83rd, which also landed. Both regiments went by train to Maritzburg on Monday in order to push forward to the front. Previously, the 2nd Battalion 60th Rifles and a detachment of Hussars, had left Maritzburg to strengthen General Colley.

A conference was held at the War Office last Saturday respecting the news, and it was not considered necessary to send any more troops. Estimates of the numerical strength of the reinforcements already in or on their way to Natal vary from 10,000 to 15,000 men.

COL. DEANE AND HIS FELLOW-HEROES.

Colonel Bonar Millett Deane, late of the 19th Foot, and Deputy-Adjutant and Quartermaster-General at the Cape of Good Hope, who was killed in the attack on Lang's Neck Pass, in the Transvaal, was in command of the advance column of Sir George Colley's force, consisting of the 3rd Battalion 60th Rifles and two companies of the 58th Foot, having gone up to Natal on hearing of the outbreak in the Transvaal. Born in 1834, he was gazetted an ensign in the 94th Foot, by purchase, in 1853, but three days afterwards was transferred to the 22nd Foot, then serving in India, where he served for the greater part of his career. In 1879, having just before attained the brevet rank of colonel, he was appointed extra Inspector under the Local Government Board in Ireland during the distress of last winter. This post he resigned in order to undertake the duties of Deputy-Adjutant and Quartermaster-General at the Cape of Good Hope in 1880, and he has now fallen in his first action.

Brevet Major Joseph Ruscombe, Poole, also reported as killed, was born in 1843, and educated at the Royal Military Academy. He received his commission in the Royal Artillery in 1861, and was promoted to a captaincy in 1875. He served as Brigade-Major to Colonel Reilly, R.A., C.B., who commanded the artillery during the Zulu war, and received in July, 1880, a brevet majority. Major Poole was given the charge of King Cetewayo during the period of his captivity, and lived with him at the castle at Cape Town. It is said that Major Poole acquired great influence with Cetewayo, who petitioned, when Major Poole was removed from him, that he should be permitted to remain.

Lieutenant Edward Inman, 60th Rifles, who is among the killed, was born in 1852. He entered the Army as a private soldier in a cavalry regiment, but was discharged as being under age. He again enlisted and worked his way up to the position of Troop Sergeant-Major. After six years' service in the ranks he received an officer's commission in the 10th Hussars. Having remained in his regiment for some time, he effected an exchange with Lord Alwyne Compton, of the Grenadier Guards. Last year he exchanged again with Lieutenant Archer Crawley, of the 60th Rifles, and it was while serving with his new regiment in the capacity, it is said, of Acting Adjutant, that he lost his life.

Lieutenant Robert Hamond Elwes was a son of Mr. Robert Elwes, of Congham Hall, King's Lynn, Norfolk. He was born in 1856, was educated at Eton, and entered the 3rd battalion of the Grenadier Guards in 1877. He went out to Natal last year as Aide-de-Camp to Sir George Pomeroy Colley.

Major William Henry Hingeston was born in 1838. He entered the 58th Foot in 1855, and was instructor of musketry in that regiment from 1858 to 1859.

Lieutenant Launcelot Baillie was born in 1859, and entered the 58th Regiment from the Militia in 1880.

Lieutenant Henry Dolphin was born in 1856, and entered the 58th Foot in 1875. He was senior Lieutenant of his regiment when he was killed. Lieutenant Dolphin saw service with the 58th during the Zulu war.

THE LATE COMMANDANT D'ARCY, V.C.

We present a portrait of a gallant officer, Commandant d'Arcy, who, according to a *Times* telegram from Durban, was shot in one of the patrols from Pretoria. He entered the service during the war in the old colony as an officer in Colonel Buller's Frontier Light Horse. He received the command of this corps when the Irregular mounted men were formed into a brigade under Colonel Buller in Sir Evelyn Wood's flying column during the Zulu campaign. It will be remembered that it was for saving Captain d'Arcy's life during the retreat from the Zlobane Mountain that Colonel Buller received the Victoria Cross. Captain d'Arcy himself received that decoration for "his gallant conduct on July 3, 1879, during the reconnaissance made before Ulundi by the mounted corps in endeavouring to rescue Trooper Raubenheim, of the Frontier Light Horse, who fell from his horse as the troop was retiring. Captain d'Arcy, though the Zulus were close upon them, waited for the man to mount behind him. The horse kicked them both off, and, though much hurt by the fall and quite alone, Captain d'Arcy coolly endeavoured to lift the trooper, who was stunned, on to the horse, and it was only when he found that he had not strength to do so that he mounted and rode off. His escape was miraculous, as the Zulus had actually closed upon him."

Colonel Buller, in his despatch after the battle of Ulundi, spoke thus of this lamented officer:—"Commandant d'Arcy, Frontier Light Horse, reckons neither personal inconvenience nor danger in the execution of any order. He is determined and bold, and has frequently shown great personal gallantry, always showing a fine example to his men." Commandant d'Arcy received the Victoria Cross from the hands of Sir Garnet Wolseley at Pretoria at the time of the Secocoeni war.

GALLANT RIDE OF A BRITISH COLONIST.

We have good news from Pretoria. Tidings have been brought therefrom by a courageous English Colonist, whose plucky ride deserves to be celebrated in stanzas as ringing as the closing ones in Browning's stirring poem, "How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix:"—

And there was my Roland to bear the whole weight
Of the news which alone could save Aix from her fate,
With his nostrils like pits full of blood to the brim,
And with circles of red for his eye-sockets' rim.

Then I cast loose my buff coat, each holster let fall,
Shook off both my jack-boots, let go belt and all,
Stood up in the stirrup, leaned, patted his ear,
Called my Roland his pet-name, my horse without fear;
Clapped my hands, laughed and sang, any noise, bad or good,
Till at length into Aix Roland galloped and stood.

And all I remember is friends flocking round
As I sat with his head 'twixt my knees on the ground,
And no voice but was praising this Roland of mine,
As I poured down his throat our last measure of wine,
Which (the burgesses voted by common consent)
Was no more than his due who brought good news from Ghent.

It is the *Times of Natal* which gives the interesting narrative of the gentleman who rode through from Pretoria in four days. He was repeatedly fired at. But, happily, he brought in safety the reassuring news that all the inhabitants were in the fort. The town of Pretoria was deserted, but it was covered by the guns of the fort. There were 2000 men bearing arms, and there were horses to mount them; 1500 head of cattle and 1000 sheep; in fact, the fort is provisioned for nine months. The people in the fort live as usual, and the papers are printed daily. The country around is patrolled daily within a radius of six miles.

A BRITISH PATROL FROM PRETORIA CAPTURES A BOER LAAGER.

Poor Commandant D'Arcy was shot when patrolling. The day after, a skirmish took place between 170 volunteers and one hundred Boers at Struben's farm, thirteen miles north. The Boers were surprised, and a hand-to-hand fight occurred. They lost twenty-seven killed and several wounded. We lost four killed and five wounded. The patrol brought back forage and cattle to Pretoria, of which place a comprehensive View will be found in the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER for Jan. 1.

The following telegram from Sir G. P. Colley to the Earl of Kimberley was dated Mount Prospect, Jan. 27:—

Detailed account Elliot's death posted Natal mail 10th. Body since found in river, with wounds corroborating statement.

I sent copy Lambart's statement to Joubert, who expressed horror at the act, and promised strict inquiry. Result not yet received.

MR. BRIGHT'S IRISH SPEECH.

Every true Liberal must have learnt with unqualified pleasure that John Bright still retains his unsurpassed power of swaying Parliament by his powerful oratory. Though it is now Mr. Bright's lot to fight the People's battle in the Cabinet instead of outdoors, his friends implicitly trust to his manly rectitude and unswerving support of the popular cause as among their strongest guarantees that Freedom and Reform will not suffer whilst the present Government remain in power. His white locks yet bushy, Mr. Bright has now a patriarchal appearance when he rises to address the House in the clear rich tones that members dearly love to hear, whether they agree or not with the right hon. gentleman's trenchant opinions. We are glad to say our Artist has succeeded in drawing an excellent likeness of Mr. Bright, representing him as he turned upon the rude and ungrateful Home Rulers who had the effrontery and temerity to interrupt the veteran Tribune.

Mr. Bright, replying to the taunts addressed to him by various members in the course of the debates, spoke on the Coercion Bill on Thursday se'nnight. He remarked with regard to former repressive measures that he had never denied their necessity, but he had complained that they were not accompanied by remedial measures and that no case of grievance was admitted. So, he added, if this bill had stood alone, and if it were not notorious that it it was to be accompanied by a large remedial measure for the admitted grievances of Ireland, he would not be sitting on the Treasury bench at that moment. Without going into the figures, and leaving the case confidently as it had been stated by Mr. Forster, he held that the deplorable condition of Ireland was fully established by private letters from all classes and conditions of men, by the accounts of the Irish refugees, and by the boast of the Land Leaguers that they had superseded the law of Parliament. He had always condemned the condition of the land tenure of Ireland, but, without pronouncing any judgment on the legality of the Land League, he asserted that the results of it were illegal and in the highest degree mischievous. He dissented entirely from the O'Donoghue's parallel between the Land League and the Anti-Corn Law League. There was no likeness but in the name. The Anti-Corn Law League had conducted its agitation in a legal and a peaceful manner, and the speeches of its members were always conceived in a moral and elevating tone. But the Land League had demoralised the people whom it professed to befriend, and the last thing the Anti-Corn Law League would have done would have been to destroy their feelings of honour and honesty. A law of repression might be a tyranny in the hands of a tyrant, but in the hands of men who had spent their lives in the promotion of freedom it would be a measure of protection. This statement, as well as others in Mr. Bright's speech, was received with cries of "No" and ironical cheers from the Irish members. Mr. Biggar rudely denied that the Ministers were the friends of Ireland; but Mr. Bright was loudly cheered when he said no one could "*honestly*" question the fact. Mr. Bright went on to say that the Government had introduced the Bill under a solemn sense of duty which not be escaped, and they believed that though it might be a measure of restriction for a few, it would be a measure of mercy for many. When it was disposed of it would be followed by a Land Bill which, he believed, would be "a great and a comprehensive measure," and one that would redound to the enduring reputation of Parliament and the Prime Minister.

DISTRESS IN THE WEST OF IRELAND.

We now call attention to the deplorable penury yet existing in many parts of Ireland, particularly in the west, the scene of the pitiful Illustration of want and of misery. Relief is, happily, at hand. Our rising young contemporary, the *Radical*, has in Loughrea a special correspondent, who writes under date of Jan. 26:—

"Owing to the severity of the weather great distress prevails in the west amongst the labouring classes and small tenant-farmers. Hundreds of able-bodied labourers are daily clamouring for food. The distressed people parade the districts in a half-naked form. The distressed people, however, it is but just to say, are in this district bearing their misfortunes with commendable patience. Through the generous aid of the Catholic Bishop of Clonfert and his priests, 1500 have received relief daily for the past few weeks. In Loughrea, unfortunately, the condition of many of the farmers in the district is very little removed from that of the destitute labourers. No amount of private charity will be able to cope with the distress. Hundreds will die of hunger unless work is given."

We have no doubt Mr. Forster will take prompt measures to alleviate this deplorable distress.

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The Playgoer.

What are we coming to? The Divorce Court indisputably proves that English Society is affected by the cancer of marital infidelity. Plays founded on a breach of the seventh commandment are the source of uproarious merriment—not only to libidinous men-about-town, but also to seemingly pure matrons and innocent young girls. There is the danger of such pieces as Mr. Charles Wyndham has had the questionable distinction of placing on the London stage. Plain speaking on this delicate point is needed. It is impossible that many of the fresh young Englishwomen who laugh zestfully at the broad situations created for the public entertainment are themselves corrupt. Yet must the first bloom of their native modesty be inevitably blown away by the unsavoury breeze which now too frequently blows from the footlights. The growth of this evil has been slow, but sure. It dates from the period when the Queen practically resigned her position as the head of a living and an exemplary Court. With the increasing profligacy of Society, Managers have become more and more ready to reproduce prurient Palais Royal divorciettas (to coin a name for them) until the evil has reached such a head that I may be excused for asking—What is Mr. Pigott, the licenser of plays, doing?

Granting license with a vengeance!

"Divorce" is the "farcical comedy" which suggests the foregoing remarks, though the new Vaudeville attraction is by no means so objectionable as were its predecessors at a theatre further west. One thing must be admitted. All the characters who fall out with each other in "Divorce" thoroughly deserve to be laughed at; and consumedly laughed at were the ludicrous misunderstandings so ingeniously developed by the French author, whose name Mr. Robert Reece should have had the candour to give in the bill of the play, since he permitted Mr. Maclean at the close to announce that he had adapted "Divorce"—it is said from an unproduced French original, "The Barrister's Father," albeit the theme is a very familiar one on the Paris stage. "Divorce" would make an irresistibly funny and exceptionally popular one-act farce. I confess it. The first act is full of fun and "go." To Mr. Thomas Thorne must be awarded highest honours for the admirably conceived and well-sustained part of Mr. Samuel Buckham—a most carefully individualised impersonation of a quaint, one-idead old man. This is a cleverer bit of character-acting than I imagined Mr. Thorne was capable of presenting: the actor is almost lost in the rôle. Mr. Buckham's sole object in life is to lift his briefless barrister of a son to the woolsack. Most mirth-moving are the expedients he adopts to procure clients for this amorous advocate, who, though secretly married to a charming wife, has indulged in a risky flirtation with a Mrs. Popplejohn at Richmond overnight, which meeting coming to the ears of Mr. Popplejohn suggests "Divorce." The very case for his son, thinks innocent old Buckham, who brings about the strangest complications by riding this hobby. Mr. David James would doubtless have endowed the part of Popplejohn with some of his humour were he not absent from the bill; but, as it is, the Popplejohn of Mr. John Maclean is full of boisterous and natural vigour. Mr. W. Lestocq enacts Strutt, a comic lawyer's clerk, with rare point, and mates well with Miss Cicely Richards as Charlotte. Mr. J. G. Grahame is brisk as the gay Lothario, Justinian Buckham. The eye-flickering Miss Illington is as energetically jerky as ever in the character of his wife, Alma Day; and Miss Kate Bishop, the Mrs. Popplejohn, is as gracefully statuesque as she has been in any number of Vaudeville comedies.

Miss Lydia Cowell made such a palpable hit as Bunch, a London flower-girl, in "Divorce" that this clever young actress deserves a paragraph all to herself. The power and art displayed by Miss Cowell in the first act, and the hold her talented acting must have obtained over the audience, would have suggested to a dramatist of constructive ability the desirability of developing the character, so as to make Bunch appear in each act. Thankful, however, for small mercies, I may be allowed to express my warm admiration of the fidelity of Miss Cowell's acting. Her Bunch, delightfully fresh and natural, must have been studied from the life, and furnishes yet another proof of her cleverness and originality.

Miss Isabel Bateman is to be congratulated on the well-filled pit and gallery New Sadler's Wells saw last Saturday, when she resumed her unsurpassably gentle and tender embodiment of Desdemona—the bright, particular attraction of the revival of "Othello" on the banks of the New River. Mr. Warner and Mr. Vezin were again the Othello and the Iago. My representative greatly admired Mr. Vezin; and holds that twenty years hence Mr. Warner may be able to play the Moor. "More study!" must be your cue, Mr. W. The novelty in the cast, Miss Bateman's Emilia, added to the dramatic effectiveness of the performance. With "Othello" at the Princess's and New Sadler's Wells, who can say there is no taste for Shakspeare in town when Mr. Irving drops the Bard of Avon?

The sanguine young manager of Old Drury, deservedly successful in producing what is emphatically the best pantomime of the year, already announces "Robinson Crusoe" for next Christmas. Mr. 'Gus Harris hopes to fill up the interim at Drury Lane—when the prosperous run of vivacious "Mother Goose" has ended—with another fling at "The World," succeeded by Mr. John M'Cullough as "Virginius," the Meiningen Company, and a new sensational drama for the autumn.—In the comic opera line, the Globe presents a splendidly dressed English version of "La Belle Normande," which is *not* a second "Corneville," but which all the same is bound to draw the crutch-and-toothpick brigade. Is not pretty Kate Munroe in it? She is Eglantine; Madame Amade is Margot. Celli exhibits himself in Malvolion style as Armand. Comely chorus-girls abound. All the fun is evolved by Mr. Harry Paulton (read and laugh at his comic lecture in the *Theatre* on America), Mr. A. Maltby, and Mr. Furneaux Cook.—If Mr. F. C. Burnand succeeds in putting a nail in the coffin of the latest fad of Society, æstheticism, by his new comedy of "The Colonel," at the Prince of Wales's, he will have earned the gratitude of those playgoers who are on first nights filled with disgust at the obtrusive posings of the male offenders in this way—the long-haired Postlethwaites who liberally exhibit themselves between the acts as part of the entertainment. Mr. Du Maurier has done his best to extinguish these "utter" creatures by his exquisite caricatures in *Punch*; and his Editor merits the thanks of the community for following up the crusade in "The Colonel." The P. W. comedy is strongly cast, the company comprising Mr. Coghlan, Mr. James Fernandez, Mr. W. Herbert, Miss Amy Roselle, Miss C. Grahame, Miss Myra Holme, and Mrs. Leigh Murray. But why is the æsthetic Edgar Bruce left out in the cold?

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

"A success of Jenner! Let's get revaccinated!" Such is the witty verdict passed on the nauseously realistic play of "Nana," the fast heroine of which dies of smallpox as the curtain falls on the piece at the Paris Ambigu.

Ambiguity is conspicuous by its absence at the Ambigu, which ill rewards a genial Prince for his partiality to the Paris stage:—

The Prince of Wales is said to be successfully mimicked in "Nana," as far as externals are concerned, by M. Romain in the character of a German potentate overmuch in love with the side scenes of small theatres.

M. Alexandre Dumas's new drama, in three acts, "La Princesse de Bagdad," was on Monday produced at the Théâtre Français, with a very strong cast. M. Dumas is said to have written the piece in seven days. As the Princess, Mdlle. Croisette excelled herself. Which London Manager will secure this novelty first?

Mrs. Langtry contemplated appearing on the stage in an English version of "Lolotte," so says gossip Moy Thomas. The Countess was the part Mrs. Langtry fixed her affections upon.

"Macbeth" is to be revived by Miss Isabel Bateman at New Sadler's Wells on Feb. 12. Shakspearean playgoers will be interested to know that Miss Bateman will play Lady Macbeth, Mr. Vezin and Mr. Warner assuming on alternate nights the *rôles* of Macbeth and Macduff.

A New Theatre is about to be erected for Mr. Charles Wentworth, from designs by Mr. T. Verity, the well-known architect. It is to be situate nearly opposite Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen-street, and is to hold about £200. In addition to the theatre, there will be a concert-hall and billiard-rooms. The establishment, it is expected, will be ready for opening in September next.

Mr. Howard Russell has been engaged by the Messrs. Gatti to sustain the part of the Ameer in the forthcoming production of "Michael Strogoff" at the Adelphi.

M. Van Biene's new venture in English Opera was embarked upon last Saturday at the Queen's Opera House, Liverpool, under circumstances auguring well for the success of the enterprise. The heart of Liverpool, however, will be true to the Carl Rosa Opera Company, which is adding to its laurels in the leading towns of Lancashire.

Mr. Arthur Matthison's new domestic drama, in two acts, "Brave Hearts," played for the first time at the Criterion on the 24th ult., relates to the trials of an impecunious Marquis de Chateau Laroche and his daughter Dorine. As in the "Genius," the troubles of the Marquis and Dorine are eventually terminated, and all ends happily.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert some time ago undertook to supply Mr. Sothern with a new comedy. The title of this was "Foggerty's Fairy," and the price to be paid for it was £3000. Of this sum £2750 had been paid, and the last instalment of £250 has fallen due this week. "Foggerty's Fairy," with the other effects of the deceased comedian, will, of course, according to his will, become the property of his sister, Mrs. Cowan.

Mr. Sothern owned at the time of his death landed property in New York to the value of about 50,000 dols. This, by his will, he directs to go with his other possessions to his sister, Mrs. Cowan. The American law, however, will, we understand, to a certain extent frustrate this bequest, as that law directs that one third of any property owned in America shall pass to the widow.

"Mr. Johnson in his Chemistry of Common Life pointed out that Cocoa had long reached the consumer with too much of its own fat, or loaded with a variety of farinaceous substances producing a soup rather than a beverage. The Cocoa bean affords admirable nutritive flesh-forming qualities, and staying power. In Cadbury's Cocoa Essence these are retained and concentrated, giving an exhilarating infusion, not a starchy soup."—*Warnings to Householders.*—[Advt.]

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P.S.

The Prince of Wales lost no time in getting into harness on his arrival in London for the season. H.R.H. and the Princess went on Tuesday afternoon to the Albert Hall Assault-at-Arms. The Prince attended in the evening the meeting in the Royal Institution to hear Mr. Edward Whymper's lecture.

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Mr. Whymper, having commenced by remarking that it was now fifteen years ago since his apprenticeship in the art of mountaineering terminated, and spoken of the failures of Frenchmen, Germans, and Americans to ascend to the summit of Chimborazo and Cotopaxi as having increased his desire to "annex" them for his own country, drew a contrast between the two mountains—the one being capped by eternal snow and the other burning with perpetual fire. The Prince gracefully congratulated him on his lecture.

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The Albert Hall sport was not concluded till close upon five o'clock, and consisted of fencing, dumb-bells, boxing, parallel bars, cavalry sword exercise by a squad of Royal Horse Guards, sabre v. sabre, bayonet exercise by a squad of the 1st Battalion Guards, bayonet v. bayonet, horizontal bars, sword feats by Chief Instructer Adams, single-stick, cutlass and bayonet exercise by sailors of H.M.S. Excellent and President, double trapèze, lance exercise by a squad of the 16th (Queen's Royal) Lancers, wrestling, and vaulting, everything passing off in the most satisfactory manner. The programme concluded with some double somersaults by Staff Instructors Capper, Hyatt, and Hawkins.

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Her Majesty's Staghounds met on Tuesday at Stoke-common for the first time since the frost. Although the day was dull and very foggy, the field was a fair one. At noon the deer was uncarted, and went away towards Beaconsfield to Chalfont St. Giles, where it was taken in a baker's shop. The Earl of Cork, the master of the pack, was out.

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The fourth overflow of the banks of the southern and northern shores of the River Thames occurred an Tuesday morning at four minutes past three o'clock, being twenty minutes before high tide at London Bridge. The spring flood tide overlapped the usual wharves lying along Upper Ground-street, Bankside, Rotherhithe, Wapping, Battersea, Pimlico, Hammersmith, and Barnes.

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While skating on the ice at Portumna, County Galway, on Tuesday, Lieutenant Lewis and some ladies who accompanied him were precipitated into the water. Lieutenant Lewis was drowned, and one of the young ladies lies at her home in a precarious condition.

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Lord Beaconsfield (present in the Lower House on Tuesday afternoon) on Wednesday gave the Conservative Party the benefit of his advice on the state of affairs in the Commons.

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The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh and the Duke of Cambridge dined with the Prime Minister and Mrs. Gladstone at the right hon. gentleman's official residence in Downing-street, last Wednesday evening

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Lord Cranbrook was present last Wednesday night at a banquet of the Lambeth Central Conservative Association, held at the Crystal Palace, at which a silver centre-piece and £1000 were presented to Mr. Morgan Howard, who has thrice unsuccessfully contested the representation of the southern borough in the Conservative interest. Mr. David Plunket, responding to the toast of the House of Commons, in the absence of Sir Stafford Northcote, said he believed that, firmness having at last been exhibited, the nuisance and disgrace which had lain upon that body for so long would be likely to disappear.

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Several meetings, attended by Home Rule members of Parliament, were held in London the same evening, in opposition to the coercion policy of the Government.

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At the Land League meeting in Dublin on Wednesday a motion was carried, "That the best thanks of the Irish people the whole world over were due to Mr. Parnell and the Irish members who had stood by the League in its struggle against coercion and in defence of the people of Ireland." It was resolved to hold a convention of the Irish people in Dublin immediately upon the passing of the Coercion Bill.

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Mr. Macken, one of the jury in the late State trials, was unanimously elected a member of the League, it being mentioned that he was for an acquittal.

PRINCES ALBERT VICTOR AND GEORGE AT "KING NEPTUNE'S COURT."

A correspondent on board the Inconstant, flag-ship of the detached squadron, writing from Monte Video by the mail just arrived, describes the proceedings on the squadron crossing the line on Nov. 28:—

"King Neptune's court," he says, "held its revels. On the preceding evening his Majesty made a ceremonial visit with his wife and retinue, when everybody, even to the Admiral, the Earl of Clanwilliam, came in for a sprinkling from the king's native element. The next day, from nine o'clock till two, shaving and ducking took place, till all the officers and men who had not previously crossed the line had passed through the ordeal. The whole of the squadron were treated in the same way. Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales were rather roughly treated, one getting some soap in his eye, which inconvenienced him for a little time. The young Princes, however, behaved very well. On Dec. 1 a young man named Green fell from the main royal yard of the Inconstant during drill and was drowned, his body not being found. On the previous day a seaman fell from aloft on the Bacchante, and was killed." On Jan. 7 the squadron was to leave for the Falkland Islands. Here, it may be remembered, orders directing the squadron to proceed at once to the Cape would be awaiting them.

JOHN BRIGHT AS IRELAND'S FRIEND.

THE BOER WAR: AN ENGLISH COLONIST'S RIDE FOR LIFE FROM PRETORIA.

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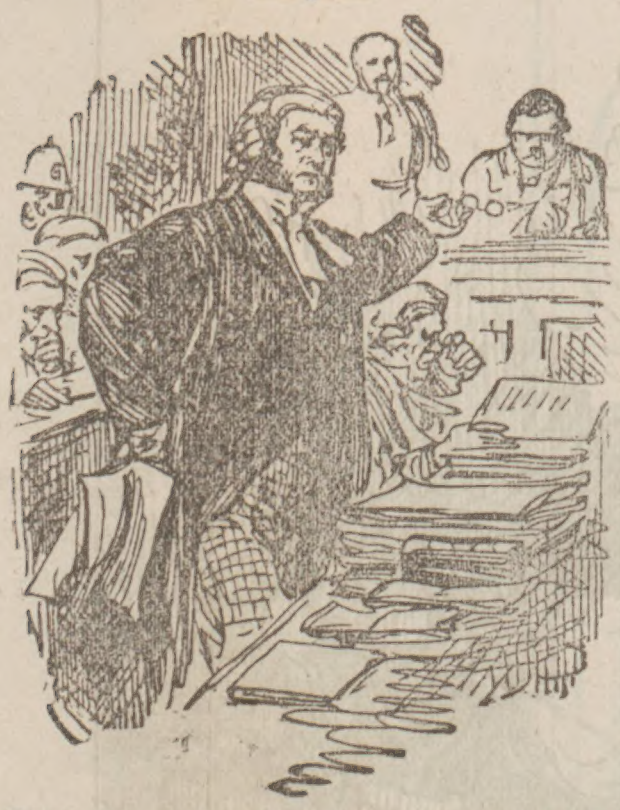
Law and Crime.



THE RECORDER ON THE OLD BAILEY BUDGET.

THE RECORDER, in charging the grand jury at the Old Bailey last Monday, was happy to say that the offences charged were not so serious as usual. There were two charges of manslaughter—one against a carman named Edward Wheatley, who was driving a van over Westminster Bridge one dark night, and turning on to the Embankment he drove against the deceased man, the wheel skidded against his body, and he was dragged about nine yards. He was conveyed to the hospital, and, having recovered consciousness and been attended to, he was allowed to go out. About ten days afterwards the same doctor was again called in to attend the deceased, and it was then found that the man was suffering from blood poisoning, from which he shortly afterwards died. The medical men spoke with some diffidence as to the cause of death, and before they could find a true bill against the carman they must be convinced that he had been guilty of culpable negligence. There was a charge against three boys of the Philanthropic School at Reigate for the manslaughter of a schoolfellow. They were in the playground, and the three boys charged placed a rope round the waist of the deceased and pulled him up a pole about three feet. They then struck him with ropes, which, if it was play, was very rough play indeed, and, the boy calling out, the master ran into the playground. The boys then let go the rope around the waist of the deceased, who fell three feet on to the ground. Shortly afterwards the boy died; and, on a post-mortem examination being made, it was found that the shoulder-blade was broken in a peculiar manner, and of which there were only ten instances known in the whole history of surgery. The case would require their careful consideration; and he thought, perhaps, they might find a true bill against the boys for assaulting the lad and occasioning actual bodily harm. The Recorder then dismissed the grand jury to their duties.

During one of the trials in the Old Court on Monday morning a piece of ceiling, about six feet long and four feet broad, fell upon two of the reporters, one of whom sustained a severe gash on the head.

ALLEGED LIBEL ON AN INDIAN PRINCE.

Mr. Montagu Williams applied at the Old Bailey, last Monday, for a postponement of the trial of Mr. Knight, of the *Statesman*, for a libel on the Ameer of Hyderabad, on the ground that an application had been made for the removal of the trial, but the formalities had not been completed. Mr. Besley concurred in the application, and it was granted.

AN "INDIAN PRINCE" IN COURT.

At Marylebone Police Court on Saturday last a man named Clarke appeared upon a summons charging him with having assaulted Annie Appleyard, of Lancaster-villa, Tavistock-road, Paddington. It appeared that the complainant had entered into partnership with a Miss Robson at Lancaster Villa. That lady afterwards introduced a person named Davé Singh, who represented himself to be an Indian Prince, as a tenant. This individual had afterwards entered the house in company with Miss Robson Clarke and a third party, and alleged that £200 worth of property had been stolen from him. Upon complainant wishing to be present during the search Davé was desirous of making, she was thrown down the stairs by defendant and much injured. Mr. Cooke, after hearing the evidence, fined the defendant £5, or one month.

SUICIDE OF A GAOL CHAPLAIN AT CHESTER.

The Rev. J. M. Kilner, chaplain for many years at Chester Castle Gaol, committed suicide last Saturday evening, by hanging himself, at his residence on Hough Green.

BANKRUPTCY OF LORD HARDWICKE.

We learn from Cambridge that the Earl of Hardwicke (a boon companion of the Prince of Wales) last Saturday presented his petition for liquidation. Some proceedings of a temporary nature having been explained, by which it was stated the creditors would receive 20s. in the pound, Mr. Lumley, solicitor for the debtor, applied for and obtained the appointment of a receiver, and eventually Mr. Waddell, the London Athletic Club accountant, was selected for the office. The liabilities are about £240,000!

THE SOUTHPORT AND WEST LANCASHIRE BANK.

Two petitions for the winding-up of the Southport and West Lancashire Banking Company came before the Master of the Rolls last Saturday, and were allowed to stand over for a fortnight, pending the efforts that are being made to carry out a scheme of reconstruction. It was stated, on behalf of several large creditors, that there was no wish to oppose the reconstruction of the company. The Master of the Rolls said it would be very desirable to avoid a compulsory winding-up, which was a most expensive process.

COST OF PERSECUTING RITUALISTS.

In the Court of Appeal last Saturday, before Lords Justices James, Brett, and Cotton, the question of the form of the order to be made with reference to the appeals of the Rev. T. P. Dale and the Rev. R. W. Enraght from the judgment of the Queen's Bench Division and the subject of the costs in these appeals was discussed. The Lords Justices decided that on the three points on which the appeals had failed—the supersedes, the certiorari, and the prohibition—the appellants must pay the cost, and on the habeas corpus the costs must be paid by the promoters.

ANOTHER £2700 A YEAR FOR SIR H. HAVELOCK-ALLAN.

Vice-Chancellor Malins had before him last Saturday a remarkable application by Sir H. Havelock-Allan for an allowance out of estates bequeathed to him and his sons by the late R. H. Allan, of Durham. The testator in his will gave the estates as stated, but "tied up" the rents for twenty-one years. The result would have been that Sir Henry would have received no benefit from the will until he was in his seventy-second year, and would be unable to give his sons an education befitting their future position. Sir Richard Malins commented on the absurdity of the will, and directed the trustees to pay £2700 per annum to Sir H. Havelock-Allan.

IMPORTANT MANCHESTER CASE.

The hearing of the action brought by Mr. T. R. Fleming, of Rowton Grange, near Chester, against the Corporation of Manchester was resumed at the Assizes on Saturday. The question was as to whether the Corporation were liable, by reason of negligence, for damages in respect of the fall of buildings near Albert Bridge, which took place during a heavy storm in July last, as depicted in the PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER the following week. Verdict for the plaintiff.

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Sports and Pastimes.

FIXTURES.

FRIDAY, 4.—Coursing—Ridgway Club (Lytham) and Vale of Avon and South Wilts Club Meetings. Wolverhampton Dog Show (first day). Football—At Manchester, North of Ireland v. Manchester.

SATURDAY, 5.—Blackheath Harriers—open five miles handicap steeplechase; Clapton Beagles—open five miles steeplechase; Lea Harriers—ten miles sealed handicap. Wolverhampton Dog Show (second day). Football—At Birmingham, London v. Birmingham; at Blackheath, Marlborough Nomads v. Blackheath; at Cambridge, the University v. Clapham Rovers; at Halifax, Yorkshire v. Kent; at Lambeth Palace, St. Thomas's Hospital v. Hampstead; at Nottingham, Forest v. Blackburn Rovers; at Oxford, the University v. Grey Friars, and the University v. Clifton.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT-RACE.

THE annual encounter between the rival Blues will soon be at hand. The two Eights that will have to do battle for their respective Universities will be chosen without delay; and, if time-honoured customs are allowed to prevail, the race will be rowed at ten a.m. on

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

The Light Blues, who are invariably the first in the field, had arranged to make a start on the 20th of last month, and their opponents, if all had gone well, would doubtless have followed suit a day or two later. But ice and snow recently put all ideas of rowing out of the question. For ten days or more the rivers of Oxford and Cambridge were ice-bound. The thaw and rains, however, restored the turgid waters of the Cam to their normal condition, and the swift current of the Isis has rapidly carried away the great blocks of ice floating down from the upper portion of the Thames Conservancy jurisdiction.

THE CAMBRIDGE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

went down to the boat-yard on Friday, and on Saturday last Mr. Watson-Taylor had out a four-oared crew, composed of gentlemen who rowed in the Trial Eight race last term. At present the prospects of the Oxonians seem to be decidedly more "rosy" than those of the Light Blues. Some enthusiasts already look upon

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as all but a foregone conclusion; but, while it cannot be denied that the chances of the Dark Blues, when put in the balance, appear to overweigh those of their opponents, the fact should not be lost sight of that in the case of the University Boat-Race it has happened over and over again that the favourite in the early stages of practice has been nowhere in public estimation on the day of the contest.

LAST YEAR'S OXFORD CREW,

it will be remembered, was vastly superior to the Cambridge eight, as regards the style of rowing as well as the physique of the oarsmen. Of that victorious crew, Brown, Toone, West, and Kindersley (this year's president), will again take part in the great contest, while it is highly probable that the services of Rowe (the ex-president) and Wharton will be available if required. This would give Oxford six of her last year's crew—which was a winning one—for service again, leaving only two vacant seats to be filled.

AT CAMBRIDGE

there are Baillie, Barton, Prior, and Warlow, whose services will probably be again utilised, although the two latter are by no means equal to the average of University oarsmen. Sandford may also possibly row again; but Prest (the ex-president), Davis, and Armytage—the three best men in last year's crew—are not likely to appear at Putney any more. Watson-Taylor, this year's president, was not thought to be a sufficiently competent oarsman to row in last year's race, although he took part in the contest of a previous year; and, under these circumstances, he will probably confine his attention to the duties of selection and coaching.

Assuming, then, that the Old Blues of both Universities row again as suggested above, we have six good men, including West, a first-class stroke, in the Oxford boat; with four, and possibly five, oarsmen of only moderate ability—calculating their capabilities upon their last year's form—to represent Cambridge. At Oxford there will be

NO DIFFICULTY IN FILLING THE VACANT SEATS

from the men who rowed in the Trial Eights, even supposing that as many as four new men will be needed; but at Cambridge the task will not be so easy. The old hands and also the new men at Oxford keep up their reputation for smartness of rowing

A GOOD CATCH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE STROKE,

with a sharp and quick recovery—but the Cantabs are wanting in both these essentials to good oarsmanship; and, in addition, they are still unable to complete the stroke without feathering under water. Although, taken as a whole, the Oxonians, both old men and new ones, are stronger than their opponents at present, there is the making of a good crew for the Light Blues, if they are looked after with care and attention by a good coach. A crew that has lost a race invariably take extra pains the following year, while with a winning crew it is often the reverse. Under these circumstances it is by no means improbable that in the end the Cambridge crew will appear at Putney in a far more advanced and improved condition than might at present be supposed. At Oxford the coaching will probably be looked after by

DR. DARBISHIRE AND MR. COURTNEY,

and at Cambridge the men will be supervised by Mr. Watson-Taylor and the Rev. W. H. Lowe, assisted perhaps by the Rev. E. S. L. Randolph, who rowed for the Light Blues in Mr. J. H. D. Goldie's time, and who has recently been presented to a living in the vicinity of Cambridge. Both crews will remain at their respective Universities for the next six weeks at least, and they may be looked for on the London water about the third week in March.

The first Cambridge eight made its appearance shortly before four o'clock on Monday afternoon, and was taken by Mr. Watson Taylor (the President) down to the Railway Bridge and back. At Oxford, the same day, the President was enabled to take a crew out for the first time; but the practice was limited to about half a mile, Mr. Kindersley taking them over that course three times, Mr. Bulley, the successful trial Eight stroke, rowing in that capacity each time.

Hanlan and Laycock, who row for £1000 and the Championship on Monday, Feb. 14, continue to enjoy the best of

health. For a change, they have been staying, respectively, at Southampton and Shoreham. Laycock's boat collided with timber yesterday week, and was rendered useless; but another was soon forthcoming.

The challenge made by Hanlan and Ross a short time ago to row any two men in the world for the sum of 2500 dols. or more, has been accepted by J. A. Kennedy and M. F. Davis, of Portland, Me. The race is to be for 3000 dols. a side, time and place to be agreed upon hereafter.

English amateur athletes will learn with interest that Mr. Myers, the celebrated American amateur, who during the past season succeeded in putting so many time records at various distances in the shade, will visit this country in order to compete at our forthcoming Amateur Championship Meeting. Mr. Myers is said to have accomplished the following fastest times on the amateur path:—One hundred yards, in 10 sec.; 440 yards, in 49 1-5 sec.; and 880 yards, in 1 min. 56 1-8 sec. He has also run a mile in 4 min. 38 1-5 sec., which, although behind our mile record, is remarkable time for a sprinter, or, indeed, for a mile runner.

John Keen, the champion bicyclist, and David Stanton met at the Marble Rink, Clapham-road, last Saturday night, to contest a fifty miles bicycle race for a cup and £25 a side. The match closed eventually, by mutual consent, in favour of Keen, who had ridden 30 miles 2 laps to Stanton's 25 miles less 1 lap.

A large number of the Waterloo Cup nominations were mentioned in London on Monday, but in most cases only a small amount of capital was invested. Lord Haddington at one time touched 100 to 8, but at the close 100 to 9 became the quotation. Although Messrs. Hinks, Swinburne, Morrison, and Pilkington each retained their positions, there was very little speculation about them. Mr. Lea and Lord Anglesey were in demand at 25 to 1 and 1000 to 30. Messrs. Gibson, Darlinson, and Douglas were in good request. There was little doing over the Spring Handicaps. For the Grand National, Empress was backed at 100 to 9. Prices:—

WATERLOO CUP.

100 to 9 agst Lord Haddington's nomination (t & o)
100 to 8 —— Mr. Hinks's nomination (t & o)
100 to 6 —— Mr. Swinburne's nomination (o)
25 to 1 —— Mr. Pilkington's nomination (o)
25 to 1 —— Mr. Lea's nomination (t & o)
25 to 1 —— Lord Anglesey's nomination (t freely)
33 to 1 —— Mr. Darlinson's nomination (t & o)
33 to 1 —— Mr. Gibson's nomination (o)
33 to 1 —— Mr. Humphrey's nomination (t & o)
33 to 1 —— Mr. Douglas's nomination (t & o)
40 to 1 —— Lord Lurgan's nomination (t & o)
40 to 1 —— Mr. W. Smith's nomination (t)
40 to 1 —— Mr. Dann's nomination (t & o)
40 to 1 —— Mr. Reed's nomination (t & o)
50 to 1 —— Mr. Cowan's nomination (t & o)
50 to 1 —— Mr. Ellis's nomination (t & o)
66 to 1 —— Lord Sefton's nomination (t & o)
66 to 1 —— Dr. [illegible]'s nomination (t & o)

The Czar has put Fish Smart's nose out of joint. However much his toes may itch to travel over the Dutch ice-fields and win the projected International match, our Champion Skater has at present to rest on his laurels, the race being postponed.

Richard Daft, among the most honoured of England's cricketers, has resigned the captaincy of the Notts Club. Mr. Daft richly merited the compliment paid him when he was elected on the committee. Not only his County, but the Country generally is proud of him.

The "majority" should be a far more entertaining and illustrious body to join than the majority in the House of Commons. "Alec Keene," the well-known prize-fighter (real name Alec. Findlay), of the Prince of Wales's Hotel, Hampton Court, joined "*the* majority" last Sunday.

The highest six-days' score has just been made. The six-days' race for the O'Leary International Challenge Belt was commenced at the American Institute Building, New York City, at one a.m., on Monday, Jan. 24, and terminated on Saturday evening last. There was a large field, and the score made by the first three men was as follows:—

John Hughes .. .. 568 miles, First.
J. Albert .. .. 555 „ Second.
Robert Vint .. .. 551 „ Third.

Hughes' six-days' score (568 miles) is the highest yet made, and two miles better than Rowell's recent performance.

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

A POPULAR Peer was last week blackballed at a coveted and exclusive club.

At the Cabinet Council held on Saturday week, Jan. 22, it was formally decided to adopt the principle of the *cloture*, and to leave the entire arrangement in the hands of Mr. Gladstone. At the Cabinet held a week later, the Prime Minister had to report that he had conferred with the Leader of the Opposition, and that Sir Stafford Northcote, after having first agreed to the proposal, declined at present to accept it.

I understand that the Baroness Burdett-Coutts's marriage has been delayed by the somewhat prolonged indisposition of the Baroness's sister, Mrs. Trevanion, who intended to receive the few friends and relations who were to have been present at the wedding. This lady is the eldest of the three sisters, co-heiresses of the late Sir Robert Burdett, and last direct representatives of the ancient family of that name.

Not yet, not yet! The theatrical début which has been anticipated with so much interest is deferred for the present; but there is no reason to think that eager curiosity will eventually be disappointed. Mr. Tennyson was prophet as well as poet when he wrote,

And the Lily whispers, "I wait!"

Mr. Alfred Elmore, R.A., was last week released by death from long-continued and very severe suffering. For years past he had been a martyr to sciatica and neuralgia, which racked his limbs and broke his naturally cheerful spirit, and rendered him prematurely old. Of late years his illness necessitated a certain amount of seclusion; but in the old days he was a prominent figure in that pleasant artistic circle of which Landseer, Stanfield and Creswick, Frank Stone and Augustus Egg, Maclise and Ward, were genial members, and of which the only survivor, hale, hearty, and vigorous, as one is glad to know, is Mr. Frith.

THE PRINCE IN "NANA."

Commenting on the stage version of Zola's "Nana," just produced in Paris, "Alb" says:—

"This Prince, as represented in the piece, is a personage rather fair than dark, wearing a moustache and a reddish-brown beard. He has a full, frank, pleasing face; and his manner combines good-natured ease with his inferiors with a certain reserve and dignity, which show that he knows how to take care of himself. He is very fond of Paris, and goes there as often as he can, escaping from the dreary kingdom to which he is heir-presumptive. He pays his visits in the great world, as in duty bound; but his truest delight is to be in the little world where fashionable actresses and others abound.

"You first see him in a grand drawing-room; but he whispers to his noble host that he should very much like to see a little of French life; and in the next scene, accordingly, we find him making his first bow to Nana in the green-room. The manager of the theatre and all the *personnel* are in extraordinary excitement about it.

"'The Prince, the Prince!' is passed from mouth to mouth to announce his coming; and when his Highness meets the young actress we feel in the presence of two great powers. The question as to which is the greater one is soon solved by his Royal Highness's respectful request that the actress will accept a *rendezvous* for a supper at the Café Anglais for that evening. Then the actors come in pell-mell in good-humoured uproar to drink the health of the Prince and actress in unlimited champagne."

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

The Court will remove to Windsor Castle from Osborne in the course of the week after next, but the Queen has not yet fixed the day. Her Majesty will reside at Buckingham Palace from Thursday (24th) till Saturday (26th).

The Queen will not hold a Court this season, and the Ambassadors will be received at the first Drawingroom.

The Prince of Wales will hold three more Levées at St. James's Palace (on behalf of the Queen) subsequent to that fixed for the 21st, one before and two after Easter. The Queen will hold two Drawingrooms at Buckingham Palace, in addition to that on the 25th, but her Majesty does not intend to hold any Levées this year, as she feels unequal to the exertion.

According to present arrangements, the Princess of Wales will not accompany the Prince to Berlin to attend the wedding of Prince William of Prussia. His Royal Highness goes as the representative of the Queen. At the Duke of Edinburgh's wedding her Majesty was represented by Lord Sydney, and the Prince attended as a guest and relative. His Royal Highness is expected to leave London on the evening of Thursday, the 24th, and he will travel direct to Berlin. On his return he will probably pass a few days in Paris.

The Queen of Sweden attends the "Lowest" of the Bournemouth churches—the one patronised by Lord and Lady Cairns, whose son-in-law, Mr. Neville Sherbrooke, has several times occupied the pulpit there lately.

The Bishop of Ripon has taken a house at Bournemouth for three months. The Bishop of Winchester is also wintering there.

The Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. Farwood) gave a most successful fancy ball last Thursday week in the Town-hall, at which some 800 guests were present. The costumes were very varied, and some of them quite superb. The Mayoress appeared as Queen of Palmyra, in bluesatin, trimmed with silver and ermine. Lord Latham was Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard, and Lady Latham came as Catherine Howard—a minutely correct and very handsome dress. Lord Beresford came as a sailor, and Lady Claud Hamilton as Dresden China. [This week's *Illustrated London News* contains a sparkling Engraving of the ball.]

Mr. Ware, of Penarth, has just purchased for £2500 the Zouave, the well-known and most comfortable schooner of the late Lord Chief Justice.

Mr. Millais has just completed the portrait of the Bishop of Manchester, which has been subscribed for in the diocese as a wedding present to Mrs. Fraser. It will, of course, be exhibited in the Academy.

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MR. BRIGHT: *"They're blind to their own interests!"*
MR. FAWCETT: *"None so blind as those who won't see, don't you know?"*

FAWCETT AND BRIGHT IN THE LOBBY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Another score to us! The Temple-Bar Griffin is doomed. Didn't our good friend GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA say it would be, in his humorous Introduction to *the* book of the period—"THE SHOWMAN'S PANORAMA," which *Punch*, the *World*, *Observer*, *Referee*, *Lloyd's*, *Examiner*, *Life*, *Whitehall Review*, and *Figaro*, joining the *Daily News* and numberless provincial newspapers, have done us the honour to commend. Listen, and judge for yourselves!

I turn over the blue and vermilion cover of "The Showman's Panorama"—adorned with far too flattering a portrait of your faithful servant, and read in Mr. Sala's very first paragraph—

"Even the Grinning Griffin of Temple Bar (there's a Show for you!) will get his curiously convoluted tail unfolded in the fulness of time." I rejoice to say "the fulness of time" (seen by Mr. Sala in his mind's eye when he donned the prophetic mantle of Mother Shipton) has come to pass—I rejoice at the fate of the Griffin, because it is abominably hideous in itself, and because throughout the recent Arctic weather a brace of guardians in blue were stationed at the Temple Bar Monstrosity in the dead of night to protect it. I have only to add on this point that, if Messrs. Child contemplate celebrating this victory of Common-Sense over the City Corporation in the hospitable form of a banquet, I trust they will not fail to invite my jovial friend the sculptor of the Griffin, Mr. . B. Birch, A.R.A., to the feast—just to show there 's no ill-feeling.

Now for Parliament! or, is it the Pickwick Club, with Mr. Gladstone as Pickwick, Mr. Biggar as Sam Weller, the O'Gorman Mahon as Tony Weller, Mr. Parnell as Jingle, and Sir Stafford Northcote as Tracy Tupman! Half they say *must* be meant in a Pickwickian sense. Otherwise, there would be civil war between the Milesian windbags and their political antagonists.

Look at Mr. Biggar now, for one! Yonder, Short limns him, in his habit as he lives and has his being under the roof of Parliament. Mr. Biggar, pig-dealer by vocation, has sought to introduce the primitive manners of his trade into the House of Commons. Easy to see when

that grim, sardonic smile reaches right across his face that Biggar regards Parliament as little better than a Pig Market—a centre for chaff, coarse interruptions, and imperturbable "cheek." There's really no other word for it. Sublimely indifferent to the Speaker's calls to order, the thick-skinned member for Cavan would persist in pouring out an irrelevant stream of brogue. What cared Biggar for being ordered out of the House? "Suspended!" said he, strolling quietly out into the lobby; "a fig for suspension! Aren't the eyes of Europe on me, bedad?"

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